

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (**Currently Amended**): A wall structure having an above ground wall, said wall structure comprising in combination:

a) a plurality of footings disposed at least partially in the ground at each end of said wall;

b) said wall including at least a lintel, each end of said lintels being located upon and receiving support at each end from adjacent ones of said footings to locate each of said lintels above ground and a plurality of courses extending upwardly from each of said lintels ~~lintel~~;

c) at least one tensioning rod extending upwardly from each of said lintels ~~lintel~~ into at least some of said plurality of courses ~~said wall~~; ~~[[and]]~~

d) a post extending upwardly from each said footings; and

e) at least one further tensioning rod extending upwardly from within each of said footings and into the respective one of said posts ~~footing~~ and adapted for resisting tilting of said wall.

Claim 2 (**Original**): The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 including a plate disposed on each of said footings for supporting an end of said lintel.

Claim 3 (**Currently Amended**): The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 ~~wherein including a post extending from each of said footings, said at least one further tensioning rod extending upwardly into said post,~~ each of said post posts includes ~~including~~ a vertical slot for receiving an end of said wall.

Claim 4 (**Original**): The wall structure as set forth in Claim 3 including a plate disposed on each of said footings for supporting said post and said lintel.

Claim 5 (**Currently Amended**): The wall structure as set forth in Claim 3 ~~[[4]]~~ wherein an end of each of said lintels ~~lintel~~ extends into said slot of each of adjacent ones of said posts ~~said post~~.

Claim 6 (**Currently Amended**): The wall structure as set forth in Claim 3 including at least one rebar disposed longitudinally within each of said lintels ~~lintel~~ and grout for imbedding said rebar within said lintel and a lower end of at least one of said tensioning rods ~~rod within said lintel~~.

Claim 7 (**Original**): The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said lintel is generally C-shaped in cross section.

Claim 8 (**Currently Amended**): The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 ~~[[7]]~~ wherein said lintel includes a longitudinally oriented upwardly facing opening.

Claim 9 (**Currently Amended**): The wall structure as set forth in Claim 8 wherein at least one of said tensioning rods extend upwardly through said opening.

Claims 10-16 (**Canceled**)

Claim 17 (**Currently Amended**): The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said plurality of courses comprise concrete masonry units.

Claim 18 (**Currently Amended**): The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said plurality of courses comprise bricks having at least one passageway therethrough.

Claims 19-22 (**Canceled**)

Claim 23 (**Currently Amended**): A method for constructing an above ground wall having a plurality of wall sections, said method comprising in combination:

a) developing a footing at least partially in the ground at each end of the wall sections of the wall to be built;

- b) installing at least one tension rod to extend upwardly from each footing;
- c) placing a plate on each footing;
- d) building a post on each plate with blocks to provide a vertical cavity for receiving said ~~the~~ at least one tensioning rod and to provide a vertical slot for receiving an end of the wall section to be built;
- e) placing a lintel on each of the plates to locate the ends of the lintel in the slots of the respective posts and above ground for supporting a wall section;
- f) laying a plurality of courses upon the lintel to define the wall section, each of the courses extending into the slots of the respective one of the posts; and
- g) installing a plurality of tensioning rods extending from within the lintel upwardly into the wall section in conjunction with ~~during~~ exercise of said step of laying.

Claim 24 **(Original)**: The method as set forth in Claim 23 wherein said step of laying includes the step of laying concrete masonry units.

Claim 25 **(Original)**: The method as set forth in Claim 23 wherein said step of laying includes the step of laying bricks.

Claim 26 **(Currently Amended)**: A wall structure having an above ground wall, said wall structure comprising in combination:

- a) a plurality of footings disposed at least partially in the ground at each end of said wall;

b) said wall including a lintel, each end of said lintel being supported above ground on adjacent ones of ~~receiving support at each end from~~ said footings and a plurality of courses extending upwardly from ~~[[form]]~~ said lintel;

c) at least one tensioning rod extending upwardly from said lintel into said wall;

d) a post extending from a respective one of said plurality of footings for supporting an end of said wall, said post including a vertical slot for receiving the corresponding end of said wall; and

e) at least one further tensioning rod extending upwardly from within each ~~[[a]]~~ respective one of said plurality of footings into the respective one of said posts and adapted for resisting tilting of said post.

**Claim 27 (Original):** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 26 including a starter course disposed on the respective one of said plurality of footings for supporting an end of said lintel.

**Claim 28 (Currently Amended):** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 26 including at least one rebar disposed longitudinally within said lintel and grout for imbedding said rebar and a lower end of said tensioning rod within said lintel.

**Claim 29 (Original):** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 26 wherein said lintel is generally C-shaped in cross section.

Claim 30 (**Currently Amended**): The wall structure as set forth in Claim 26 ~~[[29]]~~ wherein said lintel includes a longitudinally oriented upwardly facing opening.

Claim 31 (**Currently Amended**): The wall structure as set forth in Claim 30 wherein each of said tensioning rods extends ~~extend~~ upwardly through said opening.

Claim 32 (**Currently Amended**): A method for constructing an above ground wall, said method comprising in combination:

- a) developing a footing at least partially in the ground at each end of the wall to be built;
- b) installing at least one tensioning rod to extend upwardly from each footing;
- c) building a post on each footing ~~with blocks~~ to provide a vertical cavity for receiving the at least one tensioning rod and to provide a vertical slot for receiving an end of the wall to be built;
- d) locating the ends of a lintel in the slots of the respective posts and upon the footings to locate the lintel above ground;
- e) laying a plurality of courses upon the lintel, each of the courses extending into the slots of the respective one of the posts; and
- f) installing a plurality of tensioning rods extending from within the lintel upwardly into the wall in conjunction with ~~during~~ exercise of said step of laying.

Claim 33 **(Original)**: The method as set forth in Claim 32 wherein said step of laying includes the step of laying concrete masonry units.

Claim 34 **(Original)**: The method as set forth in Claim 32 wherein said step of laying includes the step of laying bricks.

Claim 35 **(Previously Presented)**: The method as set forth in Claim 32 wherein said step of building includes the step of laying blocks.